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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES AND AMBASSADOR
DIMITRIOU

1. GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES PRESIDED OVER JULY 17 LUNCHEON
CONSISTING OF AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU AND ME FOR INFORMAL
DISCUSSION OF APPROACHES TO PROGRESS ON CYPRUS. CONVERSA-
TION WAS UNCONCLUSIVE AND VIEWS OF CHRISTOPHIDES AND
DIMITRIOU HAVE ALL BEEN HEARD BEFORE.

2. BOTH CYPRIOTS WERE SCEPTICAL THAT EASING OF ARMS EMBARGO
WOULD MAKE TURKEY MORE FLEXIBLE ALTHOUGH THEY WELCOMED SISCO'S
STATEMENT THAT TURKISH FAILURE SHOW FLEXIBILITY WOULD "GO
TO THE HEART OF US-TURKISH RELATIONSHIP."

(DIMITRIOU STATED THAT "IF US ADMINISTRATION HAD EXPENDED HALF
AS MUCH EFFORT WITH TURKEY AS IT HAD WITH US CONGRESS, CYPRUS
PROBLEM WOULD HAVE BEEN SOLVED BY NOW.") BOTH THOUGHT
THAT VIENNA III WOULD PRODUCE NOTHING BUT IDLE TALK GIVEN GOT'S
CURRENT UNWILLINGNESS DISCUSS KEY ISSUES. THEY FAVORED
BREAKING OFF AFTER VIENNA III AND TRYING ANOTHER APPROACH.

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CHRISTOPHIDES, REFLECTING ARCHBISHOP'S POSITION, FAVORED

INTERNATIONALIZATION. DIMITRIOU RETURNED TO HIS OLD THEME ABOUT A QUIET ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION BETWEEN US, GREECE, TURKEY, GOC AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP. CHRISTOPHIDES THOUGHT MODALITIES OF ARRANGING SUCH A ROUNDTABLE, PARTICULARLY TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION, WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT.

3. I SAID I CONSIDERER CONTINUED NEGOTIATION UNDER WALDHEIM, WITH US SUPPORT, OFFERED BEST PROSPECT OF GETTING MOVEMENT FROM TURKEY DESPITE DISAPPOINTING RESULTS TO DATE. CHRISTOPHIDES ASKED WHETHER US DOING ANYTHING BEYOND SISCO PUBLIC STATEMENT TO INDUCE TURKISH FLEXIBILITY AND SAVE VIENNA III FROM MARKING THE END OF CLERIDES-DENKTASH NEGOTIATION. I REPLIED THAT USG VIEWS ON NEED FOR TURKISH FLEXIBILITY AND PROGRESS AT VIENNA HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AS WELL AS IN SISCO PUBLIC STATEMENT.

4. MEANDERING CHRISTOPHIDES-DIMITRIOU STATEMENTS WERE REplete WITH REFERENCES TO CYNICISM OF US PARTIALITY FOR TURKEY, GREEK FIDELITY AND COMMITMENT TO WEST AS CONTRASTED TO TURKEY OPPORTUNISM, ETC.
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